

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 2, 2005. Claims 38 to 48 are in the application, of which Claims 38, 41, 44 and 47 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The Office Action entered a rejection of Claims 17 to 25 and 32 to 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent 4,407,597 (Kapp) or under § 103(a) over Kapp. These claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of the rejections. New Claims 38 to 48 have been substituted therefor, and the new claims are believed to define patentably over the Kapp reference as described in more detail below.

The invention concerns generation of printing data for output to a printer. According to Claims 38 to 46, a message is displayed for setting a sealed end of an envelope on the side of a printer in a case where an envelope is designated as the type of paper. The print data is generated to form an image in a normal direction when an envelope is not designated as the type of paper, whereas the print data is generated to form an image in a reverse direction when an envelope is designated as the type of paper.

Kapp is not seen to disclose or to suggest any of the foregoing arrangement. In particular, nothing in Kapp is seen to display a message for setting a sealed end of an envelope, much less display of a message for setting a sealed end of an envelope on the side of a printer when an envelope is designated as the type of paper. In addition, nothing in

Kapp is seen to disclose or to suggest generation of print data in a normal or reverse direction, in accordance with whether the type of paper is or is not designated as an envelope.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 38 to 46 are in condition for allowance.

As for Claims 47 and 78, these claims define a printing system which includes a display unit constructed to display a message for setting a sealed end of an envelope on the side of a printer when a designating unit designates an envelope as the type of paper. A printing unit is constructed to print an image on the paper in a normal direction when the designating unit does not designate the envelope as the type of paper, whereas it is constructed to print the image on the paper in a reverse direction when the designating unit does designate the envelope as the type of paper.

Kapp is not seen to disclose or to suggest the foregoing features. As mentioned above, Kapp is not seen to disclose or to suggest display of a message, much less display of a message for setting a sealed end of an envelope on the side of a printer when an envelope is designated as the type of paper. Kapp is also not seen to disclose or to suggest that an image is printed on paper in a normal direction when an envelope is designated as the type of paper, whereas the image is printed on the paper in a reverse direction when an envelope is not designated as the type of paper.

Allowance of Claims 47 and 48 is therefore respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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